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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Office Action (Paper No. 6) mailed August 8, 2000, in which the Examiner issued a requirement to Applicant to restrict the application to only one invention, Applicant chooses without traverse Group I - Claims 1-44 and 46-49.

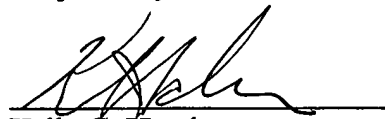
In the Office Action, the Examiner also included a requirement for Applicant to elect only one species for prosecution on the merits. Species I (Figs. 1-19c and 25a-d) is elected for prosecution, without traverse.

Claims 1-42 and 46-49 are readable on the figures of the elected species.

It is respectfully submitted that claims 1, 2, 4, and 46 are generic.

An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,


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